

City of Takoma Park Safe Roadways Committee

Meeting Notes

January 15, 2008

The City of Takoma Park Safe Roadways Committee met on Tuesday, January 15, 2008 in the Atrium Room of the Community Center, 7500 Maple Avenue, Takoma Park, Maryland.

Members Present: Sanjay Grover, Robert Patten, Jay Ulfelder, Katherine Kelly, Margaret Warner, Wolfgang Mergner

Members Absent: Jay Lee, Sheryl Gross-Glaser, Greg Castano, Dan Turner

Staff Present: David Suls, Associate Planner

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 7:30.

2. Approval of Minutes: review and vote on adoption

The minutes from the November 27th, 2007 meeting were reviewed and adopted unanimously.

3. Action Items

Takoma Park Elementary School: The committee formally approved the December letter to Council that was accepted by the majority of committee members on the listserv last month. A motion was made, seconded, and passed unanimously.

Margaret asked for details on the City's role in reviewing the project. David will post details to the committee listserv. Bob will ask Sheryl to present the letter to Council.

4. Announcements / Updates

Unmarked Crosswalks: Bob presented the committee's discussion of recognizing unmarked crosswalks in accident reports to Council on January 7th. Bob will upload the presentation handout from the Council meeting on the listserv. David will be meeting with the City Manager and Police Chief in January to follow up on the presentation. Notes from the meeting will be posted to the listserv.

Maple-Old Philadelphia-Valley View intersection: Bob suggested installing curb ramps and a crosswalk across Maple Ave to the north side of Old Philadelphia and to consider removing the

existing crosswalk on the speed hump. Sanjay suggested putting a crosswalk on Valley View at Maple since the ramps already exist. Margaret warned that a quick reaction to a single accident may not lead to the best use of safety infrastructure. The committee discussed getting auto-accident data. Sanjay and Katherine recalled the SRC trying to acquire the County data years ago with little luck.

Pedestrian/Traffic Safety Problem Sites: Margaret requested that the committee discuss opportunities for improving the intersection of Philadelphia Ave. and Piney Branch Rd. at the next meeting. Sanjay also requested a discussion of Kansas Ave-Eastern Ave intersection.

Bicycle Wayfinding Signage: The project's subcommittee discussed the progress of the sign schedule. During the meeting the committee talked about prioritizing destinations and consolidating routes in order to reduce the amount of signs needed and make the routes more straightforward.

5. Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 8:50.

Respectfully Submitted

David Suls, Associate Planner

Approved

Robert Patten, Chair